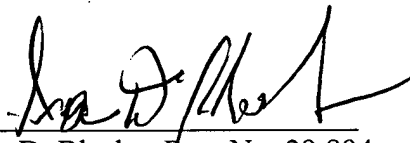


**REMARKS**

Claims 14 to 23 are pending in the instant application. Examination of claims 14 to 23 is respectfully requested.

Further action with respect to the present application is earnestly solicited.

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